



# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 16, 2017

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Cotton squaring was at 86 percent complete, setting bolls was at 55 percent complete, and bolls opening was 8 percent complete, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Durum wheat harvested for grain was 92 percent complete and barley harvested was 93 percent complete. Cotton conditions were rated mostly good to excellent. Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly excellent to good, depending on location last week, with harvesting taking place over three quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Last week, Central Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes, honeydews, mixed melons, and seedless watermelons. Western Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes, mixed melons, and seedless watermelons. Pasture and range conditions were rated mostly very poor to fair. The Northwestern part of the State received some beneficial rain from this week's monsoon storms. This moisture has induced new forage growth and has helped maintain tank water. All but 16 of the 51 weather stations reported above normal temperatures last week, ranging from 6 degrees below normal to 6 degrees above normal across the entire State. Temperatures ranged from a low of 48 degrees at Grand Canyon to a high of 117 degrees at Bullhead City. The least amount of precipitation was reported at Maricopa at 0.01 inches, and the most precipitation was reported at Kartchner at 3.36 inches. Teec Nos Pos year to date precipitation was the highest percent of normal in the State, while Maricopa was the driest.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley				
Harvested for Grain.....	93	90	89	NA
Cotton				
Squaring.....	86	82	89	89
Setting Bolls.....	55	40	49	51
Bolls Opening.....	8	5	--	--
Durum Wheat				
Harvested for Grain .....	92	89	89	NA

NA – not available

(--) – zero

### DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	7.0	7.0	7.0	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	--	--	2	NA
Short .....	6	14	29	NA
Adequate .....	94	86	65	NA
Surplus .....	--	--	4	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	--	--	15	NA
Short .....	10	14	13	NA
Adequate .....	90	86	70	NA
Surplus .....	--	--	2	NA

NA – not available

(--) – zero

# CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	--	1	4	3
Poor .....	5	6	1	2
Fair .....	29	26	11	16
Good .....	33	42	51	45
Excellent.....	33	25	33	34
Cotton				
Very poor.....	--	--	4	2
Poor .....	2	2	1	1
Fair .....	15	11	4	13
Good .....	64	67	54	48
Excellent.....	19	20	37	36
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	30	21	16	30
Poor .....	23	22	19	21
Fair .....	25	26	40	30
Good .....	19	25	22	17
Excellent.....	3	6	3	2

NA – not available

(--) – zero

Arizona's weather data can be accessed at the following:

[http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics\\_by\\_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop\\_Progress\\_&\\_Condition/2017/AZ\\_Weather\\_07162017.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2017/AZ_Weather_07162017.pdf)